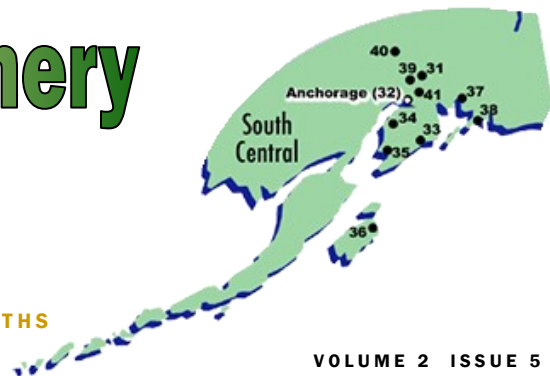


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Life long Episcopalian Laura Grauvogel
from St. Bartholomew's lifting her voice

The Deanery came together
and blessings abounded!

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Marguerite Iverson, Organist from
All Saints was Spirit filled

DEANERY ASSESSMENTS

SOUTH CENTRAL CONGREGATIONS

14 in all:

Four in Anchorage

One each in

Cordova, Eagle River,
Homer, Kenai,
Kodiak, Palmer,
Seward, Talkeetna,
Valdez and Wasilla

Reminder about Deanery Assessments (the funds that provide income for the Deanery)

Deanery Assessments are based on the number of people in each church and the amount is set at \$3 per person. Because the assessments have been waived for the past three years (2020, 2021, 2022) we would like to remind everyone that the assessments will resume in 2023. This is the time of year when churches are preparing their budgets, so this is a reminder to include your Deanery Assessment in your financial planning for 2023. Each church will receive a letter



**Gail Loken,
Treasurer**

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8TH BISHOP OF ALASKA



The Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime

Our Bishop officiated the Deanery's
Veterans'



Worship Leader Bella
Schjenken leading
recessional

at

Holy Spirit

Episcopal

In Eagle River

Homecoming
And
Healing Service
November 9th



Bishop Mark
Lattime presiding,
assisted by The
Rev. Benedict
Masille, Chaplain
(Capt.), The Rev.
James Brisson,
Chaplain (Col.)
retired, US Army



The Deanery Choir was simply
superb



*We gathered to worship
in community. Nine of
the fourteen Deanery
churches were represent-
ed with over 50 people
in attendance. The
evening's offering was
given in support of the
Armed Forces YMCA*



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Making a Difference

Dear Members of the South Central Deanery,

As members of our South central Deanery, we just wanted to keep you informed of our latest, but unfortunate church pantry news. Sadly our Food Pantry was robbed about 2 weeks ago. We lost a lot of food including: all of the sugar, flour, rice, and oatmeal that we kept in our bins (baggies of 2 cups each) Also, much bread was stolen from our freezer, boxes of saltines and pasta, many cans of: fruit, vegetables, soup, canned meat, etc.

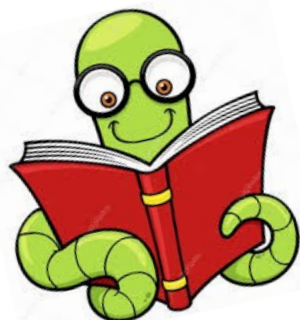
We are replenishing as soon as we can, This was so hurtful as we serve so many people in need. At our last food pantry on November 17, we could not give out as much food as we usually do due to the theft. We have sent letters to the congregations renting space at our church as well. Fortunately, we still have enough money in our food pantry to be ready for this coming Thursday, December 1st. Thanks again to all of you, and please keep St. Christopher's in your prayers.

Many blessings to you,
Lorena Scalph, Food Pantry Volunteer

**Donations may be made directly to St. Christopher's.
Please mark checks, "Food Pantry"**



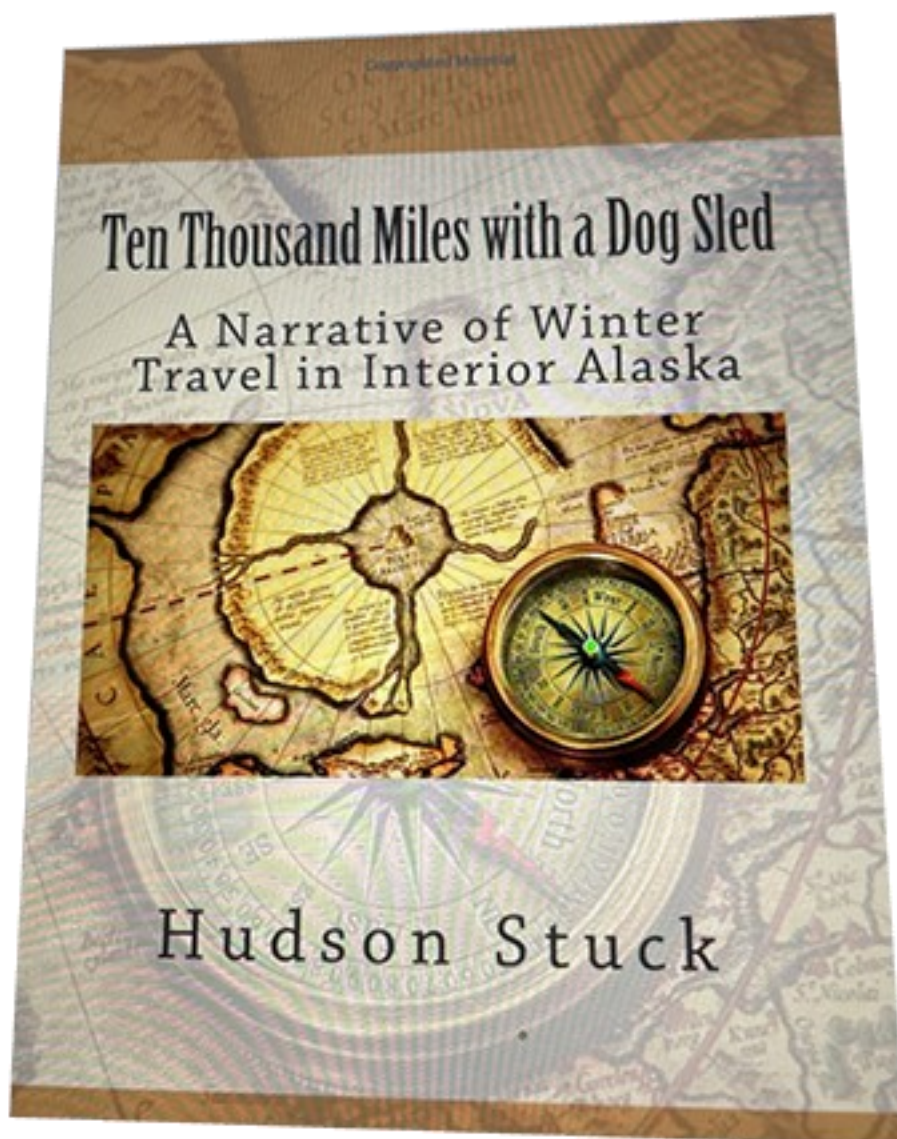
From the Dean



South Central Book Worm Corner...

Ten Thousand Miles with a Dog Sled

Ten Thousand Miles on a Dog Sled will be a book for an upcoming deanery discussion book. The Deanery has received a grant to purchase 25 copies of the book for the deanery members to read before the discussion is held. The first 25 SC Deanery folks who send Georgia an email saying they want one will get one at no charge. Please send your name, mailing address, church you attend in the deanery and you will receive one. Please send request to Georgia Knazovich, email is goundsnm@gmail.com



Read the book and join us (before the Mushers reach Nome) for a discussion on Zoom on March 7th or March 11th. March 7, 2023 7:00pm - Meeting ID: 882 5963 1249 Passcode: 167790 or March 11, 2023 11:00am Meeting ID: 893 1259 7878 Passcode: 119525



Georgia Knazovich

12 Days of Christmas

Caring for your community, a wonderful idea from St. David's

St David's will celebrate their 3rd annual 12 Days of Christmas this year. During the Covid period, the parish had bags with family names out in parish hall. During the 12 days of Christmas, parishioners would make gifts, prepare cookies or treats, write cards or insert small gifts into the bags and they were distributed to parish members by a delivery team. This year members are asked to bring their own decorated bag with their name on it and instead of delivering, members will pick up their bags from the church. St David's hopes this tradition will continue for many years to come.--

Upcoming Deanery Executive Committee Elections

Interested in serving on the Deanery Executive Committee? We are looking for you!

This year our three positions open for election are Dean, Secretary and Member-At-Large.

- Regular Monthly meetings via zoom—second Wednesday of the month from 2:00-3:30pm
- Every other month Executive Board Retreats in person— typically the second week of the month in person on a Thursday or Friday from 9:00—3:00pm (depending on everyone's schedule)
- Every other month Newsletter Production
- 3-4 Deanery Events each year—Annual Meeting, Deanery Get Together, Special Services

Dean: The Dean leads the Executive Committee helping to provide direction and leadership. A cheerleader for all parishes, congregations and Deanery committees and projects.

Secretary: The Secretary is the custodian of the Deanery's records and is responsible for maintaining accurate documentation and management.

Member-at-Large: At-large members help bring diversity and perspective from the breadth of the Deanery, and work on various committees and projects.

Deanery Annual Meeting : Kenai

Save the Date!

Members of the Executive Committee headed to Kenai before Thanksgiving to get the lay of the land. We visited 8 different meeting venues, 10 different lodging options and 6 different catering options. While we are not yet experts on all things Kenai, we are well versed! We are now working with specific vendors and hope to finalize details in the coming weeks. We anticipate having registration packets out to congregations the first part of January in advance of Parish Annual Meetings. This is our tentative schedule.

Thursday, April 27, Clergy Day

Clergy Retreat 1:00-5:00pm

Delegates:

Check in 3:00-6:00pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Campfire, Smores & Songs: 7:00pm

Compline: 8:30pm

Friday & Saturday, April 28/29, Annual Meeting

Friday:

Breakfast 8:00am

Morning Eucharist 9:00am

Business Session: 10:00am

Noon Day Prayer & Lunch: 11:45am

Business Session: 1:00-5:00pm

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Campfire, Smores & Songs: 7:00pm

Compline: 8:30pm

Saturday:

Breakfast 8:00am

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Business Session: 9:15am

Noon Day Prayer: 12:30pm

Join us in Kenai for a wonderful time on the 'slime line'!

UNITED THANK OFFERING



Hi, from Christy Kinter in Kodiak (UTO South Central Deanery Coordinator),

Earlier this fall I spoke with our Southcentral Dean, Katherine Hunt about my recent attendance at the UTO conference held through zoom this summer. (To my knowledge I was the only person from Alaska) Results of our discussion was that I agreed to be the UTO coordinator for the Southcentral Deanery. Below are resources and their addresses for your use when planning your UTO Ingathering:

“UTO Coordinators handbook for Diocesan and Parish Coordinators/Organizers, 2021-2024”

Type in the title and once it pops up, you can download a copy for your use.

I recommend you contact the Rev. Canon Heather Melton, email: hmelton@episcopalchurch.org asking to receive her monthly newsletter. The November newsletter is out now. You may also be asked about registering your parish, so be sure to do that.

Useful UTO resources are found here: www.unitedthankoffering.org

Site for ordering resources: www.unitedthankoffering.com/coordinator-materials

Scroll down and click on: “order materials” this will take you to the SHIMA web site where the UTO materials are ordered. Some of the items you can download, (it will say). Basic kits are available to buy at a reasonable cost. As we all know in Alaska, it’s the postage costs that can be challenging.

Suggested UTO Ingathering Dates: Sunday near All Saints Day and/ or Sunday near Ascension Day. If, mailing your UTO check in the later part of the year, your check should reach UTO by December 1st

Please mail your check to: United Thank Offering,
DFMS- Protestant Episcopal Church US
P.O. Box 958983
St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

OR. if you feel more comfortable continuing to send your UTO check to the Alaska Diocesan office in Fairbanks, the Diocesan will continue to mail it in for you.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or want to share your UTO experience, please feel free to contact me, Christy Kinter, SC Deanery UTO Coordinator, at: Seegoo@acsalaska.net

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of congregations committed to help
each other grow in Christ and share
in the spreading of God's "Good News"**

Monthly Meetings

Join us on Zoom the second
Wednesday of Every month at
2:00pm

Zoom Meeting ID:
821 8957 8598
Passcode: 945288

December 14, 2022
January 11, 2023
February 8, 2022
March 8, 2023
April 12, 2023
May 10, 2023

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Deirdre Ford

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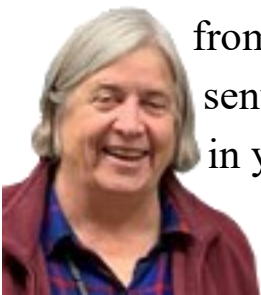
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DEANERY ASSESSMENTS

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from the Deanery Executive Committee with the specific amount to be sent to the Deanery. The amount is based on the number of members in your church as reported in the parochial report.

The Deanery uses the assessment funds for putting on events (it's wonderful to be able to plan in person events again) such as the Fish Fry in Kenai and the Veterans Day Healing and Homecoming Service in Eagle River. The funds are also used for trainings, travel reimbursements for Executive Committee meetings, planning and supporting the Annual Deanery Meeting and providing pastoral support for parishes when needed.

Please watch your mailbox and then send your payment to the Deanery prior to Annual Deanery Meeting at the end of April.